

corrected by this amendment. Claim 2 has been rewritten as a new independent claim including the limitations of twice amended Claim 1. Inasmuch as Claim 2 was indicated as being in allowable condition, Claim 2 is allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended to provide an antecedent basis for the pair of balls. Claim 4 - 9 are therefore in condition for allowance.

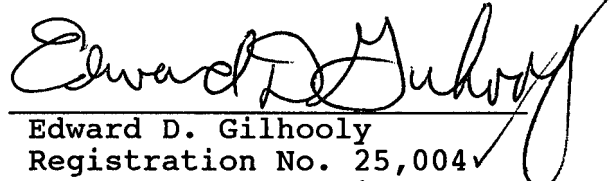
Claim 1 is proposed to be amended to define that the actuator means moves along an axis parallel to the spaced prongs. Claim 1 was rejected as being unpatentable over Mc Eneaney in view of Dennis or Janowiec. It is submitted that the locking device of Mc Eneaney does not disclose Applicant's invention. Mc Eneaney discloses a locking device which requires the use of a key to cause the wings of a cam to urge teeth 13 outward to engage the plug. It is submitted that the Mc Eneaney patent is a complex structure requiring an extra key in which the actuator does not attain the simple parallel movement of the actuator relevant to the prongs as now defined in Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 1 defines over Mc Eneaney. It is clear that Dennis and Janowiec do not cure the foregoing deficiencies of Mc Eneaney in showing Applicant's invention. Accordingly, Claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Mc Eneaney, Dennis, and Janowiec, whether applied singly or in combination and is in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 is amended to define that the elongated shaft extends in the socket body and is movable in a parallel

relationship to the parallel prongs of the plug. The shaft is also defined as having a variable width with a greater width at the second position than in the first position. It is submitted that the key mechanism with a cam of Mc Eneaney does not disclose such an actuator nor is such an actuator shown in the other references cited by the Examiner. For these reasons, Claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Based on the proposed amendments to the claims, it is submitted that Claims 1 - 10 are in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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